

January 8, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Wickenburg, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, January 16, 2002 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

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The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
January 16, 2002**

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Approval of November 21, 2001 Meeting Minutes and November 30, 2001 Retreat Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve November 21, 2001 meeting minutes and November 30, 2001 retreat minutes.
4.	<u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Management Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5.	<u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6A.	<u>ADOT Tentative Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System (5 minutes)</u> Each year, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) prepares the Tentative Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System and releases it for public review and comment. The Program provides the detailed plan for the design and construction of the MAG Freeway Plan for the period FY 2003 through FY 2007 given available resources. The Tentative Life Cycle Program incorporates updated revenue projections and cost estimates	6A. Recommendation to approve the Tentative Freeway Life Cycle Program for the MAG Freeway System for public review and comment.
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to reflect the latest information available. The sequence of projects reflects the adopted priorities and the accelerated schedule to complete the Regional Freeway Program in 2007. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6B. Cooperatively Developed ADOT Highway Construction Program for FY 2007 (5 minutes)

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century requires that projects included in the 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be cooperatively developed by MAG, ADOT and the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA). For 2007, it is anticipated that approximately \$247 million, which includes \$50 million for the bid savings on the U.S. 60 Design-Build Project, will be available for new projects. A cooperatively developed list of projects for funding consideration for the new fifth year of the ADOT Five-Year Highway Construction Program has been prepared and recommended for approval by the Transportation Review Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6C. Cooperatively Developed Transit Program (5 minutes)

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century requires that projects included in the 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be cooperatively developed by MAG, ADOT and the RPTA. Approximately \$35 million of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 funds, \$3.2 million of Transit STP and \$2.75 million of FTA 5309 funds are available for FY 2007. A cooperatively developed list of projects for funding consideration has been reviewed by the Transportation Review Committee. Additional consideration of the list is expected at the January 10, 2002 TRC meeting. The results from the TRC will be forwarded to the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6B. Recommendation to approve the cooperatively developed ADOT funded projects for the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment.

6C. Recommendation to approve the cooperatively developed RPTA funded projects for the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment.

6D. Recommendation of Projects for CMAQ and STP Funding in FY 2007 of the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (5 minutes)

It is currently estimated that \$38.6 million will be available in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds and \$3.0 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for programming projects in FY 2007. Approximately 134 project requests were received totaling \$189.1 million. These projects were evaluated and received Congestion Management System and Air Quality Emission Reduction scores. MAG Modal Committees ranked these projects. On December 11, 2001, the Transportation Review Committee recommended projects to receive these funds. Further refinements to these recommendations are anticipated at the January 10, 2002 TRC meeting. The results from the TRC will be forwarded to the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. ADOT Proposal to Accelerate State Route 85 (5 minutes)

ADOT has proposed advancing the planned improvements on State Route 85. MAG has supported funding of the improvements on SR 85 during past funding cycles. A total of \$73.5 million has been allocated to this route over the past few years, which is a 30-mile section of SR 85 that connects I-10 with I-8. The road carries significant heavy truck traffic and has experienced a number of fatal accidents over the past few years. Therefore, ADOT would like to complete all of the improvements on an accelerated basis, including projects already programmed and projects that have not yet been programmed for funding. The accelerated projects would be incorporated into the tentative FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program. On December 11, 2001, the Transportation Review Committee recommended accelerating the planned improvements on State Route 85. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6D. Recommendation to approve the projects for CMAQ and STP funding in FY 2007 and to include those projects in the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment.

7. Recommendation to accelerate the planned improvements on State Route 85 and include the accelerated project in the Draft FY 2003 - 2007 Transportation Improvement Program.

GENERAL ITEMS

8. MAG Governance Task Force Recommendations
(5 minutes)

On November 30, 2001, the Management Committee reviewed and commented on the MAG Governance Task Force recommendations. The Regional Council is scheduled to review these recommendations and comments by the Management Committee at the Regional Council Retreat on January 11, 2002. An update will be provided to the Management Committee regarding the review by the Regional Council. Action on the recommendations is anticipated at the January 30, 2002 Regional Council meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Transportation Public Opinion Focus Groups and Regional Telephone Survey Preliminary Results
(10 minutes)

In December, the Regional Council authorized MAG to participate with the Regional Public Transportation Authority in conducting focus groups and a regional public opinion poll. The purpose of this effort was to help assess community support for the extension of the regional one-half cent sales tax for transportation. RPTA contracted with WestGroup Research to conduct the focus groups and opinion poll. In December, five focus groups were held in different parts of the region a statistically valid telephone survey of registered voters was completed. The final report documenting the results of the focus groups and telephone survey will be available in mid-January. Initial results will be presented by WestGroup Research at the meeting.

8. For information, discussion and possible action.

9. For information and discussion.